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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE. A CHANGE IN DEPRECIATION RATES, AND OTHER TARIFF **CHANGES**

) ORDER SUSPENDING) INCREASES, CHANGES OR) ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR) SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR05080680

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD:

On August 10, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.11, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 Petitioner, Pinelands Wastewater Company (Company), a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and serving approximately 2,400 wastewater customers in the communities of Leisuretowne and Hampton Lakes in Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey, filed a petition for a revision of its rates for wastewater service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$54,810 or 6.14% in annual revenues with rates proposed to become effective on September 15, 2005. The Petitioner notified the Board that it will implement the proposed rates on May 15, 2006, on an interim basis, pursuant to law if the Board has suspended the effective date of the new rates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 but not finally determined a just and reasonable tariff prior to that date.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until January 15, 2006, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, N.J. 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with this Board, also file proof of service of copies of this Order upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O. Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and, where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 9/14/05

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT

FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:

KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public Utilities

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PINELANDS WASTEWATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES

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